THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) Department of Telecommunication charges only the (i) License Fee (including 5% Universal Access Levy) varying from 6% to 10% depending on the category of Service Area and (ii) the Spectrum Charges for the use of the spectrum allotted varying from 2% to 4% from the service providers. Other taxes such as Service Tax, Corporate Tax, Excise duties etc. are paid by the telecom service providers in terms of the orders notified on the subject by the Government from time to time.

(c) Committee constituted to study the present structure of taxes and levies applicable in the Telecom Sector has submitted its report and the same is under examination.

NLCPR Projects

1042. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount sought for by each N-E State under NLCPR projects during the years 2005-06 and 2006-07 and the amount sanctioned against each State during these years;

(b) the names of the projects proposed by the State Government of Tripura during 2005-06 and 2006-07 along with the amount and the names of those accepted by the department;

(c) the details of the funds placed to the State Government of Tripura; and

(d) the reasons where the funds are not released against the accepted projects?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) The State Governments of North Eastern Region submit Lists of Prioritised Projects for funding under Non Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) Scheme. The total amount sought for by each North Eastern State for funding under the scheme through their 2005-06 and 2006-07 Priority Lists of projects and the amount sanctioned against each State during these years is given at the Statement-I. (*See below*)

(b) The names of the projects proposed by the State Government of Tripura during 2005-06 and 2006-07 along with the amount, the names of those retained for techno-economic examination/sanctioned are given at Statement-II. (*See below*)

(c) Rs. 111.55 crore were released under NLCPR Scheme to the State Goverment of Tripura during 2005-06 and Rs. 98:99 crores during 2006-07 for the projects including for those sanctioned in these years.

(d) There is no project from the 2005-06 and 2006-07 Priority Lists which has been sanctioned under NLCPR but for which funds have not been released.

Statement-I

Total Amount sought under NLCPR project during the years 2005-06 and 2006-07 and the amount sanctioned against each State (As on 31.10.2007)

2005-06

State	Estimated cost of projects in the 2005-06 priority list	Estimated cost of Retained Projects from 2005-06 priority list	Cost of Projects sanctioned till 31.10.07 against projects retained from the 2005-06 priority list	Total Cost of Projects sanctioned during 2005-06 against all priority lists including that for 2005-06
Arunachal Pradesh	956.58	116.52	90.15	230.11
Assam	376.22	131.58	41.46	470.35
Manipur	405.53	127.98	31.94	19.25
Meghalaya	2000.12	188.64	33.00	76.99
Mizoram	454.49	125.42	97.07	26.63
Nagaland	274.46	6.50	2.27	157.18
Sikkim	212.10	50.47	49.38	25.00
Tripura	191.68	152.99	103.55	145.99
TOTAL:	4871.18	900.10	448.82	1151.50

2006-07

State	Estimated cost of projects in the 2006-07 priority list	Estimated Cost of Retained Projects from 2006-07 priority list	Cost of Projects sanctioned till 31.10.07 against projects retained from the 2006-07 priority list	Total Cost of Projects sanctioned during 2006-07 against all priority lists including that for 2006-07
1	2	3	4	5
Arunachal Pradesh	1335.67	134.51	110.86	109.95
Assam	406.73	205.05	75.15	167.91
Manipur	379.09	105.25	18.43	120.10
Meghalaya	2939.52	178.26	20.60	46.10
Mizoram	232.06	51.95	25.59	100.80

1	2	3	4	5
Nagaland	243.56	68.57	22.82	20.46
Sikkim	208.53	69.38	55.08	68.24
Tripura	517.63	96.28	18.23	101.63
TOTAL	6262.79	909.25	346.76	735.19

Statement-II

Names of the projects proposed by Tripura Government along with the amount and names of those accepted by Department

Priority List of 2005-06

Sl. No.	Name of Project	Estimated Cost (Rs. in crore)	Status of retention/ Sanction
1.	Widening and strengthening of Banikya Chowmuhani-Shalbagan road. (9.00 Km.)	4.80	Sanctioned
2.	Widending and strengthening of Jolaibari-Kowaifung-Ailmara road (22.00 Km.)	10.70	Retained@
3.	Water Supply Scheme at Bishalgarh (1.00 MGD)	9.90	Sanctioned
4.	Water Supply Scheme at Jatanbari Nutanbazar (0.65 MGD)	6.60	Sanctioned
5.	Tripura Engineering College	11.61	Sanctioned
6.	Establishment of a New College of Teacher Education in North Tripura	18.75	Retained@
7.	Upgradation of Building of 150 High Schools	34.13	Sanctioned
8.	Upgradation of Buildings of 100 Higher Secondary Schools	56.50	Sanctioned
9.	Protection of capital city Agartala from flood of river Howrah and Katakhal	18.69	Not retained
10.	Development of 16 Government Colleges	20.00	Not retained
	TOTAL:	191.68	

@Retained for techno-economic examination and are being examined for sanction.

Priority List of 2006-07

Sl. No.	Name of Project	Estimated Cost (Rs. in crore)	Status of retention/ Sanction
1	2	3	4
1.	Development of Dharmanagar Girls' H.S. School	2.00	Retained but Dropped later#
2.	Development of Dharmanagar Boys' H.S. School (Bir Bikram Institution)	2.00	Retained but Dropped later#
3.	Improvement of Dharmanagar Sub-Division Hospital	7.95	Retained but Dropped later#
4.	Improvement of Teliamura Sub-Divisional Hospital	6.01	Retained@
5.	Development of Udaipur Girls' H.S. School	2.00	Retained but Dropped later#
6.	Improvement of State B.Ed. College	10.11	Retained@
7.	Construction of Law College	3.50	Retained@
8.	Development of 16 Government Degree College (Science building and computerization etc.)	43.40	Not Retained
9.	Upgradation of infrastructure of 25 upper Primary School building with provision of furniture (phase-II)	3.69	Not Retained
10.	Construction of pucca building of 175 Primary School with provision of furniture	14.44	Not Retained
11.	Water Supply Scheme at Melaghar	10.00	Sanctioned
12.	Transmission Scheme including Bodhjang nagar Industrial Estate	10.55	Sanctioned
13.	Establishment of new College of Teachers' Education in South Tripura at District Head Quarter	22.51	Retained@
14.	Computerization of H.S. Schools	5.50	Not retained
15.	Development of Sabroom-Silchar-Amarpur road	147.54	Not retained
16.	Infrastructure Development of RK Mission, Viveknagar, Agartala	4.92	Retained@
17.	Infrastructure Development of TTAAADC	10.11	Not retained
18.	Improvement of Mohanpur-Barkathal-Chachu-Patin-Mandai-Jirania Road (30 km)	45.72	Not retained
19.	Improvement of Bishagar-Golagati-	27.02	Not retained

1	2	3	4
	Takarjala Road (21 km)		
20.	Improvement of Khowai to Asharambari Road (24 km)	25.16	Not retained
21.	Improvement of Rajnagar to Gourangabazar Road (25 km)	32.06	Not retained
22.	Improvement of Damcherra-Thumcharrai -Joyshree-Kanchanpur Road (27 km)	28.64	Not retained
23.	Improvement of Manu-Dhumacherra-Kancanbari-Fatikroy Road (28 km)	38.07	Not retained
24.	Improvement of Mailak-Gamukabarivia Burbaria Road (7.5 km)	14.73	Retained@
	TOTAL:	517.63	

#Were retained for techno-economic examination but dropped at the request from the State Government

@Retained for techno-economic examination

NEC projects

1043. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the NEC projects put forward by each of the N-E States during 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 uptil now;

(b) the names of those accepted by the department;

(c) the status of the projects for which the funds are released; and

(d) the reasons where the funds are not released, though the projects are accepted?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (d) The information is being compiled and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Safety on railway tracks

1044. SHRI SAMAN PATHAK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware about the number of students killed under the wheels of trains on railway tracks in North Bengal and the adjacent forest areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof, area-wise; and

(c) the steps Government is taking for safety of elephants from trains passing through Golambha, Sukuna and Baksa regions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) Ministry do not collate information of students death by trains. However, it is aware of elephant deaths and as per information received from the State Government, 17 elephants have been killed and one injured in train accidents in North